

Amendment No. 1 to HB1655

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 30, is amended by adding the following as new sections:

49-6-3026.

(a) A student who participates in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H must be credited as present by the school in which the student is enrolled in the same manner as an educational field trip. Notwithstanding § 49-6-3022, a school principal, or the principal's designee, shall not count a student absent for participating in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H.

(b) A student must have the opportunity to make up any school work missed while the student was participating in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H, and shall not have the student's class grades adversely affected for lack of attendance or participation due to the student's participation in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school principal, or the principal's designee, shall not credit a student who participates in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H as present if the student's participation in an activity or program sponsored by 4-H occurs during:

(1) The schedule established by the commissioner of education for the administration of the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests; or

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(2) Any period of time for which the student has been suspended, expelled, or assigned to an alternative school or alternative program under part 34 of this chapter if the student's suspension, expulsion, or assignment to an alternative school or alternative program would otherwise preclude the student from participating in an educational field trip.

49-6-3027.

(a) A student who participates in basic training required by a branch of the United States armed forces must be credited as present by the school in which the student is enrolled in the same manner as an educational field trip.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a student may only be credited as present for purposes of this section for up to ten (10) days of basic training.

(c) A student must have the opportunity to make up any school work missed while the student was participating in basic training, and shall not have the student's class grades adversely affected for lack of attendance or participation due to the student's participation in basic training. This subsection (c) does not prohibit or impair a student from receiving high school credit toward graduation for completing basic training under § 49-6-1209, or require a student to complete additional school work before the student may substitute credit for basic training for the credits identified in § 49-6-1209.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a school principal, or the principal's designee, shall not credit a student who participates in basic training as present if the student's participation in basic training occurs during:

(1) The schedule established by the commissioner of education for the administration of the Tennessee comprehensive assessment program (TCAP) tests; or

(2) Any period of time for which the student has been suspended, expelled, or assigned to an alternative school or alternative program under part 34 of this chapter if the student's suspension, expulsion, or assignment to an alternative school or alternative program would otherwise preclude the student from participating in an educational field trip.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2020-2021 school year and each school year thereafter.